

THE 3 BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

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The Founding Fathers, the creators of the Constitution, wanted to make a government that did not allow one person to have too much power. While under the control of the king they realized that this could be a system that wouldn't work. Yet government, under the Articles of Confederation (The first constitution of the 13 American states, adapted in 1781 and later replaced in 1789 by the Constitution of the U.S.) showed them that there was a need for a strong government.

With this in mind The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution to provide for 3 separate branches of government.

Each branch had its own responsibility and at the same time they worked to make a better country. A branch may use its

powers to check on the other 2 branches to keep the balance of the 3 branches of government.

These are what the branches do, who is in them and the responsibilities of the 3 branches:

Executive Branch

The Executive Branch is made of the President and the Vice President. The President must be of 35 years old and must have been living in the U.S. for at least 14 years. The President serves as the American Head of State, Chief of government, and head of military. He serves a term of 4 years, and has a limit of 2 terms. The President cannot write any bills but approves of laws that the congress makes. The Vice President is the President of the senate and becomes president if the president no longer can do the job.

The Legislative Branch

The Legislative branch is made of the Congress and the Senate.

The Congress is made of the House of Representatives. The members of the House of Rep. must contain of people that are at least 25 years of age. They must live in the state they represent, they must be a U.S. citizen for the past 7 years, serve a term of 2 years and start laws that make people pay taxes.

The members of the Senate must be at least 30 years old, live in the state they represent and be a U.S. citizen for the past 9 years.

The Senate says yes or no to any treaties that the president makes and to the people who the president recommends for jobs.

The Senate can hold a trial for a government official who has done something very wrong.

The Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch contains of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is made up of 9 justices.

More than 7,500 cases are sent to the Supreme Court every year. Only about 80-100 cases are accepted.

In Conclusion, this is how our government ended up to be!